

Fenwick Backs Installment Tax Plan in Arlington

But Senator Expects
Rural Opposition to
De Lashmuth Idea

A proposal by Basil M. De Lashmuth, Arlington board member, for installment payment of State and local taxes beginning several months before the due date has the backing of State Senator Charles R. Fenwick, who represents Arlington in the General Assembly.

Mr. De Lashmuth yesterday expressed his "concern" over the entire bill for property, income and poll taxes "arriving so close to the December 5 deadline." He suggested, as a possible solution, enactment of legislation for prorating the taxes.

Because of installation of a new record and accounting system in county offices, tax bills were not mailed out until this week. Ordinarily they are sent out in mid-November. Deadline for payment without penalty is midnight Monday, an extension of one day because the normal deadline falls on Sunday this year.

Three Payments Suggested.
Mr. De Lashmuth suggested payment of taxes in three installments. The first would be in June, when personal property and income tax returns are filed; the second September 1 and the third before December 5.

He suggested that the payments could be made on the basis of the estimated tax if necessary and any differences adjusted at the final installment.

Senator Fenwick said he thinks the proposal "has merit" and would be beneficial to people up here.

"However," Mr. Fenwick declared, "I anticipate opposition from residents of the rural communities of the State. They harvest their crops, for the most part, in the fall and get most of their money about the time taxes are due."

Would Back Legislation.
"I will consider supporting the proper legislation if there is not too much opposition," he said.

Both Mr. De Lashmuth and Senator Fenwick pointed out that voluntary advance payments are permitted by present law.

Meanwhile, Commissioner of Revenue Harry K. Green announced increases in assessed valuations since the estimate of valuations for the 1948-49 budget in the spring.

Mr. Green said the county's estimate of \$121,543,050 had been increased by \$7,388,058 and, at a tax rate of \$3.25 per \$100, would bring in the additional taxes of \$240,111.

The increases over estimates were in the following classifications: Real estate, \$12,880; public services, \$1,145,336; and tangible personal property, \$6,130,342.

Poll Tax Payment Urged.
Mr. Green said that the tangible personal property category showed the largest increase because of the many new automobiles being registered.

The total assessed valuations for all categories will produce a tax of \$4,190,261, or an increase of \$427,961 over the current year, he said.

The Arlington League of Women Voters yesterday appealed to county residents to pay their 1948 poll tax along with the other tax bills to be eligible to vote in 1949.

The league also urged persons who moved into the county in 1947, but who are receiving poll tax statements for the first time, to pay the 1947 tax even though they have not been billed for it. It must be paid to meet voting requirements.

Youth Faces Hearing In Robbery of Priest

By the Associated Press
PIKESVILLE, Md., Dec. 3.—James E. Botterill, 18, will be given a hearing in Police Court here tonight on charges that he and three other youths beat and robbed a Catholic priest who had given them a lift.

The Rev. Joseph H. Hopkins reported that the incident took place last week in Northwest Baltimore. He said the boys were standing in the rain when he offered them a lift.

After driving a short distance he was struck on the head from behind and escaped by leaping from the car and scattering his wallet and money behind him as he ran.

His car was stolen and found in Baltimore the next day.

Botterill was picked up Tuesday by police investigating the disappearance of another auto.

Three other boys arrested in connection with the case were given a hearing yesterday by Judge John B. Gontum in Baltimore County Juvenile Court.

All 16 years old, they were remanded to St. Mary's Industrial School pending further investigation.

Parkfairfax Canvass Set On Election Participation

The Alexandria League of Women Voters yesterday began canvassing Parkfairfax residents to determine how many of them do not vote in local elections and their reasons for not voting.

The league said only 8,824 Alexandrians voted November 2, although there are 40,000 estimated potential voters living in the city.

Place Sunday Classified Ads Early!

Classified ad customers who have not already placed their ads for The Sunday Star are urged to call them in this evening or early tomorrow morning. This will eliminate the last-minute rush to place ads and will assure every one prompt and efficient service. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

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TRAGEDY IN HER HOUSE—Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong (center) is led from her home by a policeman and policewoman after a friend, Robert S. Wilkerson, killed a policeman with a shotgun and was in turn shot down in a battle with another policeman.

Club Blames State For Health Offenses In St. Marys County

By J. L. Michael

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE STAR
LEONARDTOWN, Md., Dec. 3.—Maryland's State Department of Health today was given a major share of responsibility for insanitary conditions in St. Marys County by a civic group, which also scored public officials and citizens for a "general lack of interest."

"Policy carried out by the State Department of Health," the Leonardtown Lions Club declared, "has had the deplorable effect of reducing our county to a rubbish heap, a disease-breeding locality and a potential area for the beginning of a major epidemic."

The club expressed its views in a report submitted by a special committee and unanimously adopted at a meeting Wednesday. Robert Wigington, an attorney, headed the committee, whose other members were Bernard Smith and Murray Jackson.

State Policy Assailed.
"We must report," the committee said, "that the health officer has indicated that the policy of the State Department of Health has been and is now opposed to prosecution of violation of health regulations under existing general laws."

"A local matter" and the Health Department believes the county commissioners, acting as a Board of Health, should pass local ordinances as an indication that citizens were behind any movement to clean up conditions in the county.

"The other reason for the State policy is that if enforcement of the general laws is undertaken by the local health authorities, then the various clinics conducted by the local health boards would suffer," the committee said.

Dr. Robert H. Riley, chairman of the State Board of Health, was reported out of his office and could not be reached immediately for comment on the Lions' action.

County and Public Also Hit.
Striking at county authorities and the public, the committee said that "none can deny that what we report here bears out the fact that sanitation and general health conditions in our county are deplorable and that there must be a reason or reasons why this is so."

"We think that the general lack of interest of our public officials is the primary cause. Secondly, the lack of interest of the citizens of the county has helped lull the officials into a sense of security—if not security, then a feeling that there is no use looking for work if the people don't expect it."

The Lions' Club report followed a statement last week by Dr. George E. Waters, deputy health officer for St. Marys County, in which he charged that sanitary conditions are "among the worst in Maryland."

"Raw sewage," he declared, "is being poured out of the surface of the ground and in ditches along certain public roads."

"Roaches and rats are plentiful in many eating places."

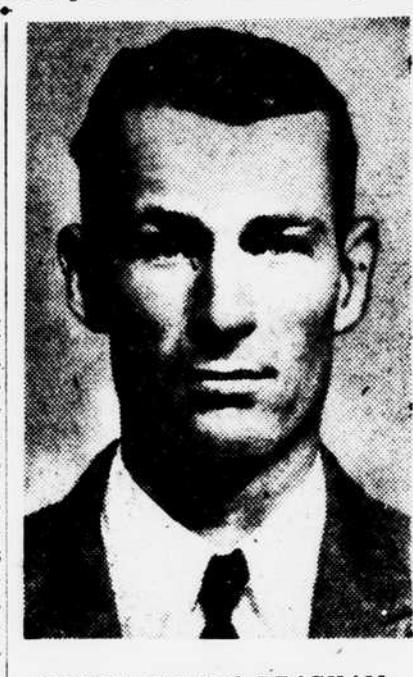
"In some barrooms there is no running water—there is just a bucket of water in which the glasses are dipped—but not actually washed. Some operators claim they change this water once a day."

Dr. Waters said he could correct these conditions if given "tools with which to work," such as county ordinances to govern food establishments and food handlers, water supplies, sewerage disposals, barrooms, dog bites and garbage disposals. The health officer also urged the appointment of one lawyer each month from the County Bar to assist in prosecuting violations of these ordinances.

In addition, Dr. Waters requested "an appropriation of \$6,000, aside from the present appropriation of \$1,600—to pay the salary and transportation of two additional sanitation officers." The county now has one.

Lions Oppose Request.
Opposing the request for specific regulations and additional sanitation officers, the Lions Club said, "There is no need for any of the ordinances recommended. The general law of the State of Maryland is full and complete. Even if the general laws were not full enough, there is always the common law which will allow for the abatement of any nuisance."

Pullen Going to Paris
BALTIMORE, Dec. 3 (AP).—State School Supt. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., will leave for Paris late this month to attend a conference on educational reconstruction in war-devastated countries.



CORPL. GRADY BEACHAM, Slain policeman.



ROBERT S. WILKERSON, Killed by police fire.



PVT. HARRY WOMBLE, Fired at comrade's slayer.

Virginia High Court Will Hear Arlington Incinerator Dispute

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 3.—The local battle over the award of a contract for a county incinerator in Arlington will be decided in the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

The high court yesterday granted a writ of error to six Arlington residents and the Morse-Bouguer Destructor Corp. of New York, from an Arlington Circuit Court verdict.

The action means that the supreme bench will hear the appeal.

The lower court hearing before Judge Walter T. McCarthy was decided in favor of the county when the jurist dismissed a petition for a writ of mandamus brought by the Morse-Bouguer firm, a losing bidder for the incinerator, and the Arlington residents.

Higher Bid Accepted.
Whether there was legal competitive bidding for the contract is the question the petitioners asked the Supreme Court to decide.

A contract was awarded the Nichols Engineering & Research Corp., also of New York, by the County Board on a bid of \$648,757.

The bid was almost \$18,000 higher than one submitted by the Morse-Bouguer firm. The board vote was 4-1, with Chairman Daniel A. Dugan dissenting.

The board defended its action on the grounds that even though the initial cost would be higher, lower operating costs over a period of years would make the Nichols incinerator being less expensive.

\$600,000 in Bonds Sold.
The incinerator, for which \$600,000 in bonds have been sold, would be built near No. 1 highway and South Glebe road, next to the county sewage disposal plant.

Arlington residents who joined in the case as "taxpayers" are George R. Taylor, 5854 North Fifteenth road; David Raab, 4743 North Seventeenth street; Theodore Pollack, 4715 North Seventeenth street; Albert Hightley, 4801 North Seventeenth street; Edward Howard Devlin, 1319 North Vernon street; and W. W. Gillis, Jr., 1624 North Abingdon street.

The petitioners are represented by Oren R. Lewis, Arlington, and Andrew W. Clarke, Alexandria. Commonwealth's Attorney Dennis T. Rucker represents the county board, and Lawrence W. Douglas, Arlington, the Nichols firm.

Montgomery Hospital To Hold Donation Day

Montgomery County Hospital, Olney, Md., will hold its annual donation day at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the nurses' home adjoining the hospital.

The hospital Women's Board suggests articles such as linens, blankets, baby clothes, towels, groceries, fruit and preserves be donated. A tea will be served for persons attending the event and the newly elected officers of the Women's Board will be in the receiving line. The officers are:

Mrs. James W. Barnsley, president; Mrs. Vestus Wilcox and Mrs. S. Merle Haines, vice presidents; Mrs. Regina G. Conley and Mrs. G. Rust Canby, secretaries; and Mrs. William John Thomas, treasurer.

Planners Show Council Map of Bladensburg

A map showing the boundaries of Bladensburg, prepared by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, will be considered by the Bladensburg Town Council at 8 o'clock tonight.

Boy Fugitive, 'Victim' in Fake Robbery, Flees Receiving Home

Robert Kamlager, the fast-thinking juvenile delinquent who cooked up a sad story about being robbed by city slickers while on a trip here from Alaska, but who turned out to be a reformatory runaway, has run away again.

He departed from the Children's Receiving Home in a hurry last Sunday morning while he was hanging out laundry. The Star learned while checking Juvenile Court to find out what had happened to his case.

Juvenile Court authorities said they had been waiting authorization from the Wisconsin School for Boys at Wausau, Wis., to return him there.

The authorization arrived Monday, according to the Juvenile Court—the day after the youth decided to take off.

Dr. William H. Staveky, receiving home superintendent, said the boy suddenly started running. One of the men, he said, saw him in flight but said that "when they start to go there's nothing you can do about it."

"We were very sorry to see him go," Dr. Staveky said, "not only because we lost a charge, but also because he was a great help to us while he was here. We were very much impressed with him. In fact, he was one of our best adjusted boys."

Various other officials also were impressed with the 16-year-old during his brief stay here. He first came to the attention of the Park Police November 12 when he complained of being robbed.

When that story fell apart he told a second one about running away from a cruel father. But in that one he said he was 18 and the FBI came around to inquire about his draft status.

His third story, as far as was known, was the true one about running away from the Wisconsin reformatory.

Juvenile Court is holding the ease open on the chance that he might show up again.

Cheverly Drops Plans To Expand Town's Corporate Limits

Cheverly (Md.) residents have dropped consideration of proposals to expand the town's corporate limits.

The decision was reached during a mass meeting of about 150 town residents Wednesday night. Mixed feelings over the benefits to be obtained by any town expansion was the reason for the postponement.

The session had been called by the Cheverly Citizens' Association to determine before requesting the Town Council to ask the Maryland General Assembly for legislation authorizing a referendum on the expansion.

John H. Gough, association secretary, said those present wanted to know more details of the effect of the expansion, especially concerning property values and taxes. Some residents protested on grounds it would take in an area in which several colored persons live. They asserted that no colored residents lived in Cheverly now. Others objected to absorbing commercial areas, contending that Cheverly is free of such zoning and that they preferred to keep it that way.

The area in which it was proposed to include within the Cheverly limits are Cheverly Gardens, Cheverly Manor, Villa Heights, the Cheverly Theater-Ackmans Shopping Community, an undeveloped section to the west of the town and the Nichols farm.

Residents of Tuxedo and Villa Heights, who appeared at the meeting, also wanted to know what benefits they would receive but did not voice their opinion on the proposal, Mr. Gough said.

Regional Cana Conference To Be Held in Bethesda

The first all-day regional Cana Conference will be held Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bethesda, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Married couples from that church and nearby parishes of Blessed Sacrament, St. Michael's, St. John's, St. Bernardette's, St. Martin's in Gaithersburg, Holy Redeemer in Kensington and St. Mary's in Rockville are invited.

The program will include mass and discussion groups on various phases of marriage and family life.

Two sons of Mrs. Armstrong and a friend who were in an adjoining room, leave the scene. They are Kenneth Armstrong, 13; Donald Armstrong, 17; and Howard Hubscher, 16, of 1255 Penn street N.E. (Story on Page A-1.) —Star Staff Photos.

Virginia Organization Hit by Miller in Bid for Governor Nomination

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 3.—Anti-organization forces last night fired the first salvo in the battle for Virginia's 1949 Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Francis Pickens Miller, the anti-organization candidate, himself laid down the opening barrage.

The former Army colonel, in a radio address which launched his campaign, pleaded for the election of "new leadership" which, he said, was needed because members of the organization "no longer represent the opinions and convictions of the majority" of Virginia's Democratic Party.

He hit into the organization as a "clique" whose strength was based on "hand-me-down opinions and hand-me-down posts."

Next August, Mr. Miller declared, Virginia voters will have "a real choice" of candidates, and his own candidacy offers "a clear-cut alternative of new leadership."

He urged unqualified Democratic voters, of whom he said there are "several hundred thousands," to pay their poll taxes and register in time to vote in the primary.

He characterized organization members as "Wednesday Democrats" because of "the reluctance of the inner ring of the clique to support the straight Democratic ticket" in the presidential election.

"We remember the bolt-the-party will last winter," Mr. Miller said. "In its original form it provided that the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party could determine after the presidential election whether or not to support a Democratic candidate."

Mr. Miller said he was not a member of the party and that he was not a member of the party and that he was not a member of the party.

Convention Recalled.
"We remember last summer's State Democratic Convention where decisions were not taken after discussion and a clear majority vote, but were imposed by ruthless steam-roller tactics."

"We remember the autumn meeting of the State Central Committee where the hand-me-down principles appeared without gloves."

"These incidents did not happen by chance. They were not just mistakes of judgment. They were the natural result of the tree. They were the logical result of 50 years of unchallenged power."

Mr. Miller did not call the three other candidates by name. But in obvious references to State Senator John S. Battle of Charlottesville, former Mayor Horace H. Edwards, Richmond, and Remmie L. Arnold, Petersburg industrialist, in that order, he said:

"One candidate is the favorite of the inner ring of the clique which for more than 50 years has controlled the Democratic Party in Virginia."

"Another candidate is the favorite of the outer ring of the same clique, though this candidate's bid for office is being directed to a wider circle."

"A third candidate who has just announced hopes to become the favorite of businessmen on the erroneous assumption that political processes are identical with commercial processes."

Maryland U. Student Seeks 'Blue Baby' Operation

Born a "blue baby," William Perry Stewart, 22, of 1532 Live Oak drive, Silver Spring, hopes to undergo an operation soon so he will be able to return to his studies at the University of Maryland.

On Monday, William will be examined at the Johns Hopkins Hospital cardiac clinic so that doctors can determine whether he can be cured by an operation.

The youth, who wants to get his degree in chemical engineering, had to drop out of the university last year after one semester because of the strain on his heart. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Stewart, said he graduated from Coolidge High School, where he had permission to use the freight elevator.

During his early years he was taught by private teachers sent out by the Montgomery County School system and after he was 9 he attended public schools.

At present he is assisting his mother in a gift shop which she operates in Silver Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two other children, George, 20, and Natalie Elizabeth, 9.

New Alexandria Move To Force Colasanto To Resign Reported

A new attempt at forcing the resignations of Alexandria City Manager Nicholas Colasanto was reported under way when a group of city councilmen today.

Four members of the seven-man Council had "no comment" on rumors that it had been agreed to an informal Council "get-together" to ask Mr. Colasanto to resign.

Councilmen Marshall Beverly, Leroy S. Bendheim, John W. Tulloch and Albert A. Smoot did not deny, however, that the resignation had been requested.

Mr. Tulloch added that he had heard of "no official meeting," but would not comment when asked if he knew of any "unofficial" meeting at which the move was decided.

Mayor William M. Wilkins was out of town.

Mr. Colasanto also declined to comment on the move, but said he would not resign unless he was asked to do so.

A three-man committee is reported to have asked for the resignation. Mr. Bendheim denied a report that he headed such a committee.

A first attempt at ousting Mr. Colasanto was made by Mr. Beverly three months ago when he introduced a resolution demanding that the city manager quit. His resolution died for lack of a second.

Mr. Colasanto's appointment as city manager to succeed Carl Budensky in November, 1947, was vigorously opposed by a number of citizens, who protested that he lacked qualifications for the job. Two members of the present Council, Mayor Wilkins and Mr. Luckett, voted against his appointment.

Mr. Colasanto practiced law in Alexandria before he became city manager.

City Shop Damaged In Baltimore Fire

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—Flames shooting 100 feet high destroyed the upper floors of the city's repair shop last night. The only injury reported was by a fireman, who was cut by flying glass.

Police estimated more than 10,000 persons watched the five-alarm blaze. Flames were visible for 2 miles.

The rambling, two-story structure at Gay and Oliver streets, about six blocks from Johns Hopkins Hospital, housed the city's Bureau of Mechanical and Electrical Services. It contained a carpentry shop—where the blaze apparently started, a machine shop and storage space for trucks and electrical equipment.

The fire department said vehicles and equipment on the ground floor suffered only smoke and water damage.

Frank Pilo, night watchman, said he was in the basement tending the furnace when someone knocked on the basement door and told him smoke was pouring from the upper windows.

Mr. Pilo said he telephoned the fire department. Firemen were unable to get close to the building for about 10 minutes because of the intense heat.

No estimate of the damage was available.

Parkside School PTA Plans Panel Discussion

A panel discussion on school recreation and play facilities will be held at the Parkside School PTA meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the school, on Parkside drive, Silver Spring.

Stewart Armstrong will mediate the panel, comprising Clement J. Bride, supervisor of physical education for Montgomery County schools, and Wilbur Irving and Samuel Snyder, parents.

Dog and Trash Service Gets New Phone Listing

Arlington residents who want to call the county dog pound or complain about trash or garbage service should telephone Owens 7137, Manager A. T. Lundberg said yesterday.

Mr. Lundberg said the new line was set up in an attempt to improve service. The telephone, located at the county property yard also should be used to request collection of tree trimmings or brush.

Federation Asks Study of County Government

Prince Georges Group
Proposes Survey by
Maryland U. Expert

A proposal to have a specialist from the University of Maryland make a "local government" survey of Prince Georges County was approved last night by the county civic federation.

The motion was introduced by Mrs. Reuben Bogdanoff, president of the county's League of Women Voters, who earlier in the session had been named a delegate at large to the federation, representing the league.

The federation was asked to sign a letter to the county commissioners, along with representatives of other county-wide organizations, urging them to request that the survey be made by Dr. Joseph M. Ray, director of the Bureau of Public Administration and head of the Department of Government and Politics at the university.

County Must Ask Survey.
Before the survey can be conducted, a request must be made officially by the county. The survey, which would be without cost to the county, would include numerous factors, but the federation asked that special emphasis be placed on government.

Later, Mrs. Bogdanoff explained that the request for a survey was not "criticizing" the present commissioners, but instead "urging them to take the lead on the theory that good government is good politics."

The letter, to be sent to the commissioners said that because of the rapid expansion in the county, numerous "vexing" problems have arisen, "many of which could be clarified by a deliberate survey of the needs of the county with a view to the development of our county government to meet such specific problems."

Would Help Educate Public.
Such an "unbiased, nonpartisan survey" would materially aid both the citizens of this county and the county commissioners since it would point to the specific areas of unmet needs. "It would," the letter explained, "help the public as to what services and facilities are needed * * * and, in turn, give your body the necessary public encouragement and support in obtaining such services," the letter said.

In other business, the federation, for the second successive month, tabled a proposal to join the recently formed Committee on Un-American Activities in the county, this time until a State-wide similar committee appointed by Gov. Lane makes its study and recommendations.

The motion was presented by Charles F. Luebner of University Park, after Walter F. Mulligan, president, and Daniel M. Greene, chairman of the federation's Legislative Committee, said they saw "no necessity" for such an organization at this time. Mr. Mulligan, however, said he thought the federation should be represented to "see that it's guided the right way."

Zoning Plan Hearings Urged.
The federation, on a motion by Albert F. Bird of Temple Hills, urged the commissioners to hold public hearings on the proposed master zoning plan for the county, which was submitted some months ago by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Committee. The plan would become effective if the commissioners approve it.

A motion by George J. Jones of Bowie that the federation approve a proposal to have an elected County School Board instead of its present appointed one, was referred to Mr. Greene's committee for study.

Walter H. Hall of the National Association and Edmund Sousa, West Hyattsville, were designated as a Nominating Committee to pick a slate of candidates for election in January. Mr. Mulligan was named to represent the federation at a meeting of the board on December 11.

Suggestions by Frank H. Pierstein that legislation be sought to legalize operation of pinball machines and taxing them at \$200 each, legalizing of numbers writing and taxing mobile automobiles and harness racing also were referred to Mr. Greene's committee. A plea by Mr. Pierstein for elimination of flood conditions at the Bladensburg Peace Cross was referred to Fred W. Gast, chairman of the federation's Flood Control Committee.

Navy Withdraws Request On Bay